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# On The Move

## CITY NEWSLETTER

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Building Permits 801-483-6005  
Business Licensing 801-483-6063  
Code Enforcement 801-464-6757  
Fire Administration 801-483-6043  
Justice Court 801-483-6072  
Police Admin 801-412-3606  
Promise 801-483-6057  
Public Works 801-483-6045  
Recreation 801-412-3217  
Utility Billing 801-483-6074

Emergencies 911  
Police/Fire Dispatch 801-840-4000



**Mayor Cherie Wood**

## Press Play! Let's Celebrate our Bright Future

I'm feeling excited and optimistic about 2023. My optimism comes from the support of our City Council and their forward-thinking approach. Investing in the services and amenities our community needs and deserves provides our residents and businesses with a great place to live, work and play. We are "pressing play" and off and running.

I'd like to take a moment to share a few bright spots from this year's State of the City that residents can look forward to in 2023.

- Our City is turning 85! We hope you will join us to celebrate in September. It looks to be a light-filled birthday party night!
- More street lighting improvements throughout the city. Several hundred city-owned street lights will be the next to be upgraded. While we are at it, we will identify the "dark spots" in our neighborhoods and turn them into "bright spots" to keep our city safe.
- Beginning in May, we'll see construction on the Redwood Building of the Historic Scott School to be followed by construction outside to fence the green space, upgrade the lighting and parking and make everything ADA accessible.
- Dog lovers rejoice! South Salt Lake is getting a new Dog Park on Oakland Ave.
- The Fire Department will see the addition of our new fire truck, three new ambulances, and new employees!
- This spring we are going to begin offering Celebrate South Salt Lake Block Party Mini-Grants. Residents who are interested in getting their neighbors together can apply to receive guidance on how to host a block party and some seed money to get the party started. Stay posted!
- Parley's Trail continues to get better. A new bridge will rise above the tricky crossing at 900 West carrying cyclists onto the beautiful Jordan River Parkway trail. Watch for a Bike with the Mayor event once the bridge is open!

If all of this sounds like a lot of fun, please join me in "pressing play." Here's to 2023, and to a bright future ahead for South Salt Lake.



**IN THIS ISSUE:** Keep your eye out for several of our 2023 State of the City award winners, which include the individuals, partnerships, and businesses that make our community one to really celebrate. Find them all at [sslc.gov](http://sslc.gov).

Citizen of the Year, Joy Glad  
Legacy Family of the Year, The Dipo Family  
United Way & Promise SSL Partner of the Year, Circles Salt Lake  
Education Partner of the Year, Woodrow Wilson Elementary  
Community Advocate, Hoang Nguyen  
Employee of the Year, Hannah Tuia  
Council Champion, LeAnne Huff  
Equity Champion, SSL Recreation Department  
Changemaker, SSLPD Chief Jack Carruth  
Best Creative Industry, Old Cuss Cafe  
Mentor of the Year, Randy Sant  
Volunteers of the Year, Wendy & Lisa Miner  
Community Champion, Bill Hardesty  
Best Lunch Spot, Moochie's  
Best Small Business, Curly Hair Studio

## Public Meetings

For more info: [www.sslc.gov](http://www.sslc.gov)

### City Council

Wed, April 12, 7 p.m.

Wed, April 26, 7 p.m.

### Planning Commission

Thu, April 6, 7 p.m.

Thu, April 20, 7 p.m.

### Civilian Review Board

Mon, April 3, 6:30 p.m.



Have a question or concern regarding South Salt Lake? Reach out to the city via our Neighborhood Connect!

## SAVE THE DATE

### Citywide Curbside Cleanup Program



Curbside collection of bulky waste items will take place May 1-10, 2023. Pickup will be provided for approved items that are boxed, bundled or bagged. Your pick-up schedule will be sent in advance. Properly prepared items must be placed curbside by 6:30 a.m. on the scheduled collection day.



## State of the City 2023 — City Council Champion

### LeAnne Huff, District 1

Investing in the residents of South Salt Lake isn't just a side job for Councilwoman Huff. As a licensed mental health clinician, LeAnne is currently a program administrator overseeing crisis services for the State of Utah. In this role, she works with local, state, and national stakeholders helping to build out mental health crisis response services and provide better care in our communities.

LeAnne came to Utah from her home state of Oregon in 1989 and to South Salt Lake in 2014, while her work involves mental health, her love for the mountains and skiing fueled her reasons to move here. Her passion for animals, and in particular horses is strong, as she loves to ride, and takes amazing care of her dear horse, Bel. If you've ever been on a call or Zoom meeting with her, you may have heard Kona, her blue and gold macaw in



the background, as he is both a showoff and enjoys joining the conversation from time to time. Kona is 23 years old, and LeAnne has cared for him for his entire life, as having a bird like Kona is a lifetime commitment (which can be around 60 years). She doesn't take this responsibility lightly as most macaws have an average of 10 homes in their lifetime. Her cat, Cora, just blends into the background.

LeAnne's unique perspective as a licensed social worker and as Crisis Services Program Administrator for the State brings a much needed and valued skill set to the table, whether it be as part of the City Council, in integrating new Crisis Intervention training and

procedures with our police HRO team and with Promise's Mental Health Council. We appreciate all her work seeking solutions and meeting the needs of our residents.

## High Runoff: Tips to Keep You and Your Family Safe

As the snowpack melts and rain continues, here are some important things to keep in mind to keep you and your family safe this spring.

- Do not go near flooded rivers and streams.
- Please do not allow your kids or pets to play or swim in the flood water.
  - Flood water may contain hazardous waste or raw sewerage.
  - Flood water can also be deeper than it appears, posing a drowning risk for young children.
- Don't drive through flooded streets. "Turn around don't drown."
- Flood insurance is not part of your regular homeowner's insurance, it is a separate policy.
- Stay alert, listen to news and weather alerts.
- To learn the real risks of flooding, [www.FloodFacts.utah.gov](http://www.FloodFacts.utah.gov)

If you notice an area (street, river, storm drain) that is flooding or gaining water rapidly, please jot down the location, take a picture, and send it to South Salt Lake Neighborhood Connect, 801-464-6757, [connect@sslc.gov](mailto:connect@sslc.gov).



## South Salt Lake City Council Action Report Summary

Full agendas, minutes, handouts, and video recorded meetings available at: [www.sslc.gov/160/City-Council](http://www.sslc.gov/160/City-Council)

Date	Agenda Item	Subject	Action	Next Step
WORK MEETING				
2/22	Townhome Ordinance Discussion	Discussion on the City's Townhome Overlay and possible changes to some of the minimal site, design, and infrastructure requirements to make smaller developments easier.	Moved to a future meeting. Staff to work on getting an Ordinance amendment with the proposed changes.	Further action necessary
REGULAR MEETING				
2/22	<u>Unfinished Business:</u> Ordinance to Amend Title 13	An Ordinance of the SSL Council amending Title 13 of the Municipal Code to update language regarding backflow devices and fees therewith.	Approved	No further action necessary

# Public Safety

## Two Outstanding Officers Awarded Chief's Star for 2023

South Salt Lake's Police Department recently held its annual Awards Banquet to honor the dedicated officers who have gone above and beyond to serve our community. This year, we are proud to recognize two outstanding officers who have been awarded the prestigious Chief's Star for their exceptional service and high standing.



Officer Neil Hill has been a dedicated member of our department for over a decade. Throughout his tenure, he has shown exceptional dedication to his duties and a genuine desire to serve our community.

Officer Hill's commitment to public safety has been recognized by his colleagues and the community at large, and we are proud to have him as a member of our team.



Officer Carson Aprato is another exceptional officer who has demonstrated exceptional professionalism and commitment to our community. As a valued member of our department, Officer Aprato has consistently demon-

strated an unwavering commitment to the highest standards of law enforcement. His dedication and hard work have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and community members alike.

We are honored to have Officers Hill and Aprato as members of our team and recognize their exemplary service with the prestigious Chief's Star. Their contributions to our community are invaluable, and we are grateful for their dedication to the South Salt Lake Police Department.

## State of the City 2023 Changemaker Award

Policing with compassion is what makes our very own Police Chief Jack Carruth stand out. Chief Carruth came to his current role with over two decades of experience in law enforcement. Having advanced through the ranks in our City, he knows the challenges faced by officers and residents alike. He consistently takes on immense challenges and meets them with a community-based lens – seeking solutions through collaboration, innovation, and compassion.

A tall order met him when the Men's Homeless Resource Center was cited in SSL. Chief Carruth took initiative to seek solutions that would support those experiencing homelessness, the partners who serve them, and our residents and businesses.

Not only has he led out on the model for Homeless Resource Officers in the State, but has set the standard for best practices in this realm. He prioritizes consistent, high-level training for his team, always striving to move the needle for modern policing in our community. Most recently, he has sought a Licensed Clinical Social Worker position to co-respond with officers.

To commit to additional transparency, Chief Carruth has been instrumental in standing up a Civilian Review Board (CRB) that reflects our diverse, dynamic community. Through a partnership with the CRB, he has successfully implemented changes that reflect the Board's feedback and input. He also continues to advocate for the community through leadership on statewide police organizations and collaboration with local and state officials. Chief Carruth, is the epitome of a compassionate changemaker and we are grateful for his unwavering service to SSL.



## Community Meetings

Join us for a community conversation.



## Coffee with a Cop

April 5, 9-10 a.m.

In-Person

Délice Bakery & Café

2747 S State Street

## Neighborhood Watch

Residents are encouraged to participate.

April 6, 7 p.m.

Find the virtual meeting link at [www.sslc.gov](http://www.sslc.gov)

## Text a Tip to SSLPD

You can now send anonymous text and web tips to the SSLPD.



To send an anonymous text tip:

1. Text your tip to 274-637 (CRIMES).
2. Start your text message with the keyword: SSLPD
3. Within a minute, you will receive a text message with your alias. This confirms that your text message was received. The alias identifier is used by the officer to communicate with you, through text, regarding the tip you submitted.
4. Remember, the officer does not know your identity or location.

## New CERT Trainings in MAY — Volunteers Needed

South Salt Lake Fire's Community Emergency Response Team or CERT program was developed out of the need for a well-trained civilian emergency workforce. CERT provides community self-sufficiency through the development of multifunctional response teams who act as an adjunct to the City's emergency services during major disasters. After a major disaster or emergency, there are many things to consider, from making initial assessments to taking quick action, and CERT training provides individuals validated guidance to manage and respond in the best way possible.

The SSL Fire Department is sponsoring Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in-person free training on Saturday, May 6th, and Saturday, May 20th. CERT training gives volunteers the same basic skills firefighters master, such as search and rescue, administering first-aid, establishing a medical treatment area, suppressing small fires, and much more. It also gives volunteers an overview of the City's emergency management strategy for helping residents respond to and recover from a large-scale disaster.



To register for the CERT training class, visit: [www.sslc.gov/239/Community-Education](http://www.sslc.gov/239/Community-Education)

To learn more, connect with CERT Program Manager, Rick Birrell: [rick.birrell@gmail.com](mailto:rick.birrell@gmail.com)



## The Community Opportunity Center (The Co-Op)

www.sslcoop.org  
2530 S 500 East  
Co-Op supervisor, Abram Sherrod:  
asherrod@sslc.gov or 801-464-6757  
Mon-Thur, 9 am to 8 pm  
Fri 9 am - 6 pm

## Central Park Community Center

2797 S 200 East Promise Contact,  
Patrick Holman-Hart:  
pholman@sslc.gov or 801-386-4949



## Historic Scott School Community Center

3280 S 540 East  
Promise Contact, Maisy Hayes:  
mhayes@sslc.gov or 801-803-3632



Join our Historic Scott School afterschool program for a community **Earth Day celebration on April 21st from 4 to 6 p.m.** Over at Historic Scott School, they are passionate about increasing access to nature, which is why they are so excited to celebrate it with our South Salt Lake community. Historic Scott School youth will be learning about different birds for 5 weeks with Hawk Watch international. At the Earth Day celebration, youth will be stationed with each bird ready to teach community members about them. The youth are so excited to demonstrate their hard work and knowledge about birds and why we should make sure we are preserving their natural habitats. Photo opportunities with the birds will be available, as well as food and a sustainable art project that the whole family can enjoy. We hope you will join us!



# Community Centers

## STATE OF THE CITY 2023 United Way & Promise SSL Partner of the Year Circles Salt Lake

As an early partner at the new Community Opportunity Center or Co-Op, Circles holds quality programming for SSL residents. Their work aligns closely with the Promise SSL program, which aims to ensure that all residents, from youth to adults, have the opportunity to receive an education, and be healthy and prosper. Circles combines best practices in several disciplines including community organizing, grassroots leadership, S.M.A.R.T. goal setting, financial literacy, mentoring, peer-to-peer counseling and learning, and child/youth development. Circles, with the assistance of dedicated volunteers and community members, provide resources to our families including job opportunities, transportation and healthcare.



Michelle Crawford, Executive Director of Circles Salt Lake, is also the champion of the United Way of Salt Lake Promise Partnership Regional Council (PPRC) Financial Stability Network. With a focus on building assets for low-income community members, they are working on strengthening access to tax credits for low-income families and the utilization of the Bank On program.

As a small city with a diverse population, the work Michelle and Circles Salt Lake does is vital to ensuring SSL residents have the support and tools they need to navigate the challenges that can occur from the Cliff Effect and intergenerational poverty. Circles guides us in making impactful progress for those experiencing poverty in our community. They truly are helping individuals and families go from surviving to thriving.





Keeping our Promises of  
education, safety, and opportunity  
across 14 programs throughout the City.



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## Celebrating Afterschool Professionals who make a Profound Difference



Promise SSL is celebrating Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week from April 24- 28 2023, along with the National Afterschool Association, to recognize, appreciate and advocate for those who work with young people during out-of-school hours. Every young person deserves quality afterschool experiences that positively impact their development. It takes skilled professionals to create these experiences. Because of the important role afterschool professionals play in the lives of kids, they deserve recognition and support! Research shows that afterschool professionals are the key to the program quality that mitigates risk factors and positively impacts youth outcomes. Afterschool programs run by skilled professionals result in increased social-emotional skills, school attendance, and academic performance. Let's recognize, appreciate, and advocate for afterschool professionals who make a profound difference in the lives of young people during Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week and beyond!



## South Salt Lake Early Learning Network PLAYGROUP

Join us monthly on the 3rd Tuesday  
of every month at 10:30 am & 6 pm  
Starting on April 18th

@ The Co-Op  
2530 S 500 E, SSL, UT

### WHAT IS PLAYGROUP:

An opportunity for you and your children to meet  
other families in the community while being  
connected to early learning resources, activities, and  
information about developmental milestones

Questions? Contact Kylie: kmc Morris@ssl.gov / (385) 315-1938



## STATE OF THE CITY 2023 Education Partner of the Year Woodrow Wilson Elementary

This year, our longest-standing school partner through our Promise South Salt Lake program is being celebrated as the 2023 Education Partner of the year – Woodrow Wilson Elementary. Dedicated to the highest quality public education for our South Salt Lake youth, Woodrow's faculty and staff have given countless hours to ensure that youth are learning core competencies and showing growth in grade-level learning. Let's not forget this is coming on the heels of pandemic closures and some challenging times.

We all know that education comes with quarterly report cards; schools also get a similar performance grade. Due to thoughtful leadership, dedicated teachers, and a commitment to ongoing professional learning, Woodrow Wilson is now receiving a school grade of a B from

the State Board of Education. Students are showing exemplary growth in learning English/ Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science. We are so proud of the amazing team of educators at Woodrow Wilson Elementary and the stellar work they have done to strengthen learning outcomes for SSL youth and families.



## LUNCH ON THE MOVE



WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 19 11 A.M. TO 2 P.M.



South Salt Lake  
City Hall  
220 East Morris Ave, North Lot

Open to Everyone!  
Stop by to support  
a local business.



## COMMUNITY ART CLASSES



South Salt Lake Arts Council ACO OP >>SSLArts.org

### ART55+ Creative Arts for Seniors

Instructor Laura Sharp Wilson  
Every Wednesday, 10:00-11:30 AM  
FREE!  
The Co-Op Art Room  
2530 S 500 East

### Celebrating Women Artists: Bad Dog Arts

Register at [www.SSLArts.org](http://www.SSLArts.org)  
\$20 Residents, \$60 Non-resident

To celebrate women artists, each week we will honor a different woman artist and get inspired by their bold, bright, and beautiful art. Maddie will give you step-by-step instructions to explore a variety of materials that will include markers, charcoal, fabric, and yarn. No previous experience is necessary. SPACE IS LIMITED!

### Celebrating Women Artists

Maddie Christensen  
Bad Dog Arts

Weds in April  
6:30-8:30 PM  
[SSLArts.org](http://SSLArts.org)

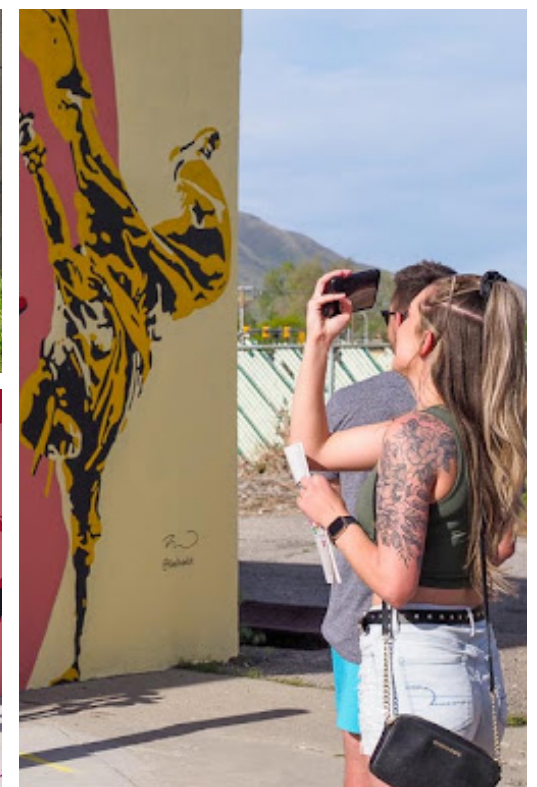


### MURAL FEST Artist Meet & Greet

Sat, May 13, 2023  
Creative Industries Zone  
Downtown South Salt Lake  
Follow the FEST:  
[www.themuralfest.com](http://www.themuralfest.com)  
IG and FB: @themuralfest

### Follow all our mural artists on Instagram!

Anna Charney @annacharneyart  
Beau @beau.graff  
Brooke Smart @brookesmartillustration  
Caro Nilsson @caroznilsson  
Cole Eisenhour @ljr3rd\_  
DAAS @daas  
Denise Duong @lildfromokc  
fatspatrol @fatspatrol  
FEEBEE @feebee\_n\_jay  
Kiptoe @kiptoe1  
Lizzie Wenger @zielizg



## Community Building Services NEW YEAR ANNUAL CULTURAL PROGRAM

YOU'RE INVITED TO

Join us to Celebrate!

HAPPY  
NEW YEAR 2023

ITS FREE AND OPEN TO ALL

2530 SOUTH 400 EAST  
SOUTH SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84115  
COLUMBUS CENTER -  
AUDITORIUM

Saturday, April 15, 2023

TIME: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

### PARTNERS



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Arts & Museums



## Exploring Art with Creative Aging



Instructor: Donna Pence  
Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM  
April 4, 11, 18, 25 & May 2, 9, 16, 23  
The Co-Op Art Room | \$25 Materials Fee  
Register at [www.SSLArts.org](http://www.SSLArts.org)

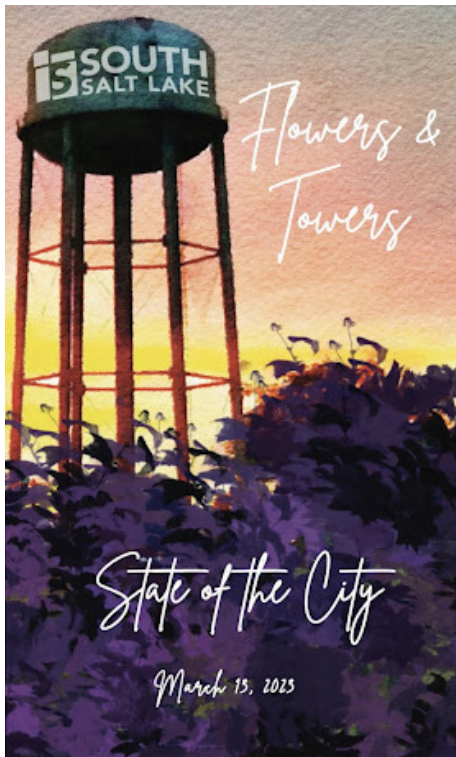
The foundations and themes of art will be explored using the inquiry approach. Art materials and methods will be experienced through hands-on self-expression activities. Reading, writing, and discussing topics that have been explored by many artists over time and across cultures will also be required. A culminating exhibition will take place upon completion of the course.

NOTE: Due to this special grant-funded opportunity, this course requires a commitment to attend all classes in the series. We understand that extenuating circumstances may arise, but please make sure that you are able to attend the full 8 weeks before signing up.

## 2023 STATE OF THE CITY AWARDS

Our favorite part of State of the City is recognizing the incredible people who make SSL truly a community. Sending our warmest thanks to all of you!

Find the complete video of this year's ceremony or read the awards booklet at [www.sslc.gov](http://www.sslc.gov).



### Legacy Family of the Year — The Dipo Family

Henry Dipo built their first home on Oakland Avenue in 1903. Since that first home, a dozen more were built, and the Dipo Family grew their family tree, naming the first boy of the next four generations, Henry. The Dipo family not only took over west Oakland Ave but many of the family members have also been employed by South Salt Lake. From, Henry Dipo was a police officer for 21 years, 10 of which served as the Chief of Police and a handful more worked for Public Works, the Sanitation Department, the Water Department and others as Crossing Guards.

The heritage of the Dipo Family is now led by the matriarch, Lorraine Dipo. She has lived on Oakland Ave for 69 years. There isn't a person that is employed with SSL Public Works that doesn't know this spirited woman. She has raised 6 boys in this city and now has 32 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. As the City's need for a larger Public Works campus has grown, it is the Dipo family who has willingly sold their properties for this much-needed expansion.

We want to thank the Dipo Family for their dedication to the city and their sacrifice to help the city grow and prosper into the future.



### Employee of the Year — Hanna Tuia

Hanna is a City Planner and has only been with South Salt Lake for a year and a half. In her short time with us, she has seen many changes to the Community Development Department.

Throughout these adjustments, Hanna has always been willing to help above and beyond her assigned tasks. This includes learning how to intake and process business license applications. She has a keen eye and an innate ability to think outside the box when issues arise. Hanna is helping create and implement new workflows in iWorQ for all our planning applications, which has been a more complicated process than any of us expected. Hanna is exceptionally reliable, and we never have to worry about the quality of work or end product she produces.



### Community Advocate — Hoang Nguyen

Starting up a business is never easy, but operating a group of successful businesses that give back to the community in a significant way is what we'd call a legacy. Let's take a moment to share the story of someone who has become an advocate for South Salt Lake.

As one of seven children, Hoang Nguyen and her family came to America in 1983 by way of California after fleeing Vietnam. In 1987, her father was tragically killed during a robbery, leaving her mother widowed at only 35 and still having several small children. As Hoang says, "It was devastating. It was hard being in a brand new country, not really knowing the language, and trying to navigate everything. It was a challenging time for our family." The Nguyen family eventually moved to Utah in 1992 and settled on the west side of Salt Lake in Glendale, where her love for community building began.

The Nguyen family ventured into the restaurant industry, starting with Utah's first Pho restaurant. The journey was followed by many restaurants and developments along the way and eventually became Sapa Investments. Sapa now has many successful ventures that share the common thread of touching lives and giving back to the community.

A few years ago, after taking a tour of our Promise SSL, Hoang became a huge supporter and has since continually found ways to connect and introduce new partners to our City. She was the connecting force that brought AT&T to donate 20K to the Co-Op, and for finding resources for PAL to provide turkeys to several local families during the holiday season, and eye care to our youth. Hoang has facilitated connecting SSL with policymakers to help make them more aware of the needs of our community.

Thank you, Hoang, for becoming a friend to Promise SSL and our City.



### Community Champion — Bill Hardesty

Many say newspapers are a dying industry, but here in South Salt Lake we are fortunate to have a monthly City Journal published in paper and electronic form. Adding to our luck was having Bill Hardesty as our reporter for four years.

Mr. Hardesty or Bill as many know him has covered the South Salt Lake beat in well over 200 articles. In his time reporting in our City, he rarely missed a City Council Meeting or Community Event. Making his work even more herculean are the complex and at times contentious topics he covers. Bill experienced four budget seasons, many critical legislative decisions, the opening of the Men's Resource Center, continued his coverage during the COVID-19 shutdown, watched as we established a Civilian Review Board, and kept tabs on the Granite High turned library. He was indeed interested in all things South Salt Lake, what makes the city tick and is willing to dive in and provide all sides to a story.

Bill enjoys teaching with the University of Utah's Continuing Education program, serving on the Taylorsville City Cultural Diversity Committee and is an active member of the Promise SSL Equity Committee. We hope to see additional bylines from this Community Champion real soon, but understand if retirement is a more relaxing gig.

